

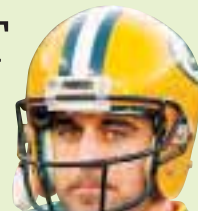
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News worth sharing.



► Katie Wilhelm
poses for a photo
on Sunday, the
Metropolitan
Market's last day.

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We'll Met again, market's founder vows after shutdown

► Artisan market was billed as a way to revitalize downtown, put empty Dundas Street storefront to good use



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If Katie Wilhelm had to find a fault with the Metropolitan Market, it would be this: "I think we're three years ahead of the times."

One of the market's creators, Wilhelm offered her final thoughts Sunday as the weekend artisan market closed for good.

Opened in early May, it was billed as a game-changer for downtown — a way to breathe that

often-talked-about fresh, vibrant feel into the core.

There's no doubt that happened, Wilhelm said, as people browsed at vendors' booths and an amplifier at the front door pumped music onto Dundas Street. But, she added, being vibrant means nothing unless someone's there to take notice.

"We had a lot of support, but the foot traffic just isn't there," said Wilhelm, a London artist and part of the 379 Collective, an event production company that helped

"It's really sad. It's disappointing that it didn't get the support it needed to survive."

ASHLEY BURT, MET VENDOR AND CO-OWNER OF HONEY AND THE MOON, WHICH SELLS WOVEN AND FABRIC CRAFTS

get the Met ball rolling. "If vendors don't see customers, they can't set up shop."

The building that housed the Met has space for about 55 vendors but only about 15 — selling

everything from paintings to soap — were renting space on a regular basis.

Many of the artists will find spots elsewhere, Wilhelm said, and she plans to start working on similar initiatives throughout the city. But there's a lesson to be learned from the Met's shuttered doors.

"It has to be more than just talk," she said. "If you don't support things ... with your dollars, they won't stay here. They just won't."

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The number of weeks the Metropolitan Market was open. Supporters of the Met, which was at 140 Dundas St., included 379 Collective; Colliers International; Libro Financial; Burns, Demeyere Insurance; and Kirwin, Fryday Lawyers.

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Canada's transport regulator has ruled airlines must protect passengers who are allergic to cats, and that may mean Fuffy has to stay home. Scan code for story.

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Liberal leader Bob Rae says the troubled First Nation reserve of Attawapiskat is 'our Third World'. Video at metronews.ca

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Putting the sound bite on shark-fin ban

► London earns spot in short film ► Banning shark-fin products has become a hot topic with private member's bill floated last week in Ottawa



ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

► Maja Zonjic, 25, of Mississauga rolls her camera outside city hall Sunday as Coun. Sandy White talks about the importance of banning shark-fin products. Zonjic was in London to record local voices for a short film meant to raise awareness about cutting fins from sharks. City council recently approved drafting a bylaw banning such products.



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Ten Londoners will be featured in a short film about shark finning.

Two Mississauga filmmakers were in the Forest City on Sunday rolling their cameras as people read statements about the issue. Their voices will be edited into a five-minute production including about 100 people from Ontario cities that have taken action to stop finning — the act of cutting fins from sharks and tossing the rest of the animal back into the ocean.

Shark fins are considered a delicacy and cure for disease in some cultures.

Filmmaker Maja Zonjic, 25, hopes the fin-free flick can serve as a sort of celebration for communities that have taken a stand.

"The ultimate goal is just to essentially raise awareness about the issue," Zonjic said. "It's also to encourage other municipalities to follow the amazing steps that ... cities in Ontario have taken, including London."

Zonjic also want the film to cast shark-fin bans in a positive light.

"We're finding that a lot

of what we've been (hearing) ... is either counterproductive or it's just not true to the actual passion, awareness and education that is behind" the movement, she said.

The final production will be posted online at some point and will likely be entered in competitions.

London city councillors voted Nov. 21 to draft a bylaw banning shark-fin products. The effort was led largely by Coun. Sandy White, who heard about the issue from constituents, and Jeremy Larivee, founder of Ocean Voice London.

The bylaw is expected to be ready for review in January, White said.

Fin-free cities

The following cities have supported bylaws banning shark-fin products:

- London
- Oakville
- Toronto
- Brantford
- Pickering
- Mississauga

Source: Fin-free filmmaker Maja Zonjic

Bringing in a wanted man

London police have arrested a wanted man.

Jamie O'Neil, 26, was arrested around 9 p.m. on Friday without incident. He was scheduled

for a bail hearing Saturday morning.

The warrant for his arrest was put out Dec. 2.

AM980/AM980.CA



Lodge murder victim identified

Police have identified a man killed in an incident at a Masonic lodge in Cambridge this weekend.

Twenty-two-year-old Joseph Batten died in hospital after police found him severely injured at the Groh Avenue lodge early Saturday.

Investigators say he was involved in an altercation.

An autopsy was performed but the cause of death hasn't been released.

Police are looking to speak to three men and two women who were seen leaving the building.

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Pride London catches Wind of nomination

Pride London Festival has been nominated for the Wind Mobile WindThanks \$10,000 grant. Pride

London Festival's mission is to provide an annual opportunity to generate events which affirm the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, transgender, and two-spirited people. Wind Mobile will give the grant to an organization or charity in London bringing positive change. You can nominate projects for the grant at WINDmobile.ca. ● METRO

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► Santa Claus

Talk to Santa

London boys and girls will have a chance to see Santa Claus on Rogers TV, Cable 13 this week. Every night from Tuesday to Thursday, Santa will be hosting a Talk to Santa special from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Kids can call in and share their wish list with Santa on air. They can also send him an email. For more information, visit rogerstv.com.

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Teddy. Toss



► A member of the London Devilettes girls hockey team fills a bag with some of the OHL-record 9,851 bears and stuffed animals that were thrown on the ice at the John Labatt Centre on Friday night.

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Giving for a cause

The annual Teddy Bear Toss is held in support of the Salvation Army's Christmas-hamper program. Chris Tierney's first-period goal triggered the deluge as the Knights went on to defeat the Guelph Storm 3-1.

NO SNOW

White Christmas unlikely

With a week to go, the chances of having snow on the ground come Christmas morning aren't great.

Even though we've had a few centimetres of

snow over the last several weeks, the forecast doesn't look promising in the last few days before the big day. Environment Canada is calling for mild temperatures above the freezing mark for most of the week, hitting a high of 8 C on Wednesday. There is even a chance of showers in the forecast Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. **AM980/AM980.CA**

EllisDon gets contracts

London-based EllisDon Corp., has been awarded federal renovation contracts worth more than \$200 million.

The contracts, announced Friday by Public Works and Government

Services Canada, include \$143 million to complete work on restoring the Wellington Building at 180 Wellington St., a key project in the rehabilitation of the core Parliament Buildings. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Man charged with second-degree murder

► London witnesses seventh homicide this year ► Report ranks city as fourth most dangerous in Ontario based on 2010 crime data



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One man is dead and a 47-year-old Londoner has been charged with second-degree murder in the city's seventh homicide of the year.

Police said Walter Katigakyok was arrested Saturday, shortly after someone called 911 at 8:40 p.m. to report a man in "medical distress" at 1-466 Adelaide St. N.

The victim was dead when EMS personnel arrived on the scene, police said. The victim was identified as Leonard Williams, 44, of London.

As of Sunday afternoon, an autopsy had not been completed.

No other suspects are being sought in the case. Investigators said Katigakyok and the victim knew each other, but did not elaborate.

Yellow crime-scene tape was tied to trees and posts on either side of the two-storey residence, as police were continuing Sunday morning to interview people who called the address home.

Gordon Brasier, 43, said he's lived there — a house divided into about five apartments — since August and was waiting for clearance to enter his unit. Brasier said he wasn't



► A police officer talks with Gordon Brasier and his girlfriend, Rachel Kettler, both of London, outside the scene of a murder at 466 Adelaide St. N. on Sunday. Brasier said he lives in one of the home's apartments but wasn't there when police arrived about 8:40 p.m. Saturday and found a man dead inside Unit 1.

home when police were called but heard about the slaying on the news. He knew few details, saying only that everyone at the address is easy to get along with.

Paul Malcolm, 23, moved into a duplex next door in April. He was surprised to see the neighbourhood filled with police cruisers when he returned home Saturday night. He and others said the block — between Queens and Dufferin avenues — is fairly quiet.

"I've never had a com-

Recent homicides

- **Nov. 16:** Dexter Elliott, 56, died after being stabbed in a house at Simcoe and Burwell streets.
- **Oct. 11:** Thi Tran, 40, died after being shot outside a bar on Clarke Road south of Oxford Street.
- **Oct. 7:** David Arbuckle, 20, died after being shot near Wellington and Hill streets.
- **Aug. 12:** Duy Van Nguyen, 31, was found dead in the Railton Avenue home he shared with his parents.

plaint," Malcolm said. "Never seen anything out of the ordinary."

The slaying comes on the heels of a Maclean's magazine report that ranked London the fourth

most dangerous city in Ontario based on 2010 crime data. With 1.9 homicides per 100,000 people, London ranked 13.8 per cent above the national average, the study showed.

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Last convoy of U.S. troops exits Iraq

► Nearly 4,500 Americans and more than 100,000 Iraqis died during the war ► U.S. spent \$800 billion in Iraq

Outside it was pitch dark. The six American soldiers couldn't see much of the desert landscape streaming by outside the small windows of their armoured vehicle. They were hushed and exhausted from an all-night drive — part of the last convoy of U.S. troops to leave Iraq during the final moment of a nearly nine-year war.

As dawn broke Sunday, a small cluster of Iraqi soldiers along the highway waved goodbye to the departing American troops.

"My heart goes out to the Iraqis," said Warrant Officer John Jewell. "The innocent always pay the bill."

When they finally crossed the sand berm that separates Iraq from Kuwait, illuminated by floodlights and crisscrossed with barbed wire, the mood inside Jewell's vehicle was subdued. No cheers. No hugs. Mostly just relief.

His comrade, Sgt. Ashley

Iraqi reaction

► "We are glad to see the last U.S. soldier leaving the country today," said Said Hassan, 25, the owner of money exchange shop in Baghdad. "It is an important day in Iraq's history, but the most important thing now is the future of Iraq," he added.

► "The Americans have left behind them a country that is falling apart and an Iraqi army and security forces that have a long way ahead to be able to defend the nation and the people."

Vorhees, mustered a bit more excitement. "I'm out of Iraq," she said. "It's all smooth sailing from here."

The war that began eight years and nine months ago cost nearly 4,500 American and well more than 100,000 Iraqi lives and \$800 billion U.S.

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► A soldier celebrates as the final section of the last American military convoy to depart Iraq from the 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division crosses over the border into Kuwait Sunday. Around 500 troops ended their presence at Camp Adder, the last remaining American base, and departed in the final American military convoy out of Iraq.

Death toll unknown after oil platform capsizes

An oil-drilling platform capsized and later sank amid fierce storms off Russia's east coast Sunday, plunging dozens of workers into the churning, icy waters. Four were confirmed dead and 49 were missing.

The Transportation Ministry said the Kolskaya platform started sinking after a strong wave broke some of its equipment and the port-holes in the crew's dining room. One five-metre wave

washed away the platform's lifeboats, leaving the crew with no escape.

The Emergencies Ministry said in a statement yesterday 67 people had been aboard the platform as it was being towed about 200 kilometres off the coast of Sakhalin Island.

Fourteen people were rescued from the sea by the ship that had been towing the platform.

Further rescue efforts were being hampered by



► In this undated handout photo, the oil drilling platform Kolskaya is seen in the Sea of Okhotsk.

the severe weather conditions, officials said.

A spokeswoman for the Emergency Ministry in the Far East, told the Associated Press that the rescue team had spotted four lifeless bodies in the water, but had not yet been able to retrieve them.

The Kolskaya was built in Finland in 1985 and is owned by Russian offshore exploration firm Arktik-morneftegazrazvedka.

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Oil platform

► There were no immediate reports of environmental damage, and that would be unlikely since the platform was not drilling for oil when it capsized and carried little fuel.

► The Investigative Committee yesterday opened a probe into the accident and said that a breach of safety regulations or weather may be to blame.

Rescuers search for ship survivors

Rescuers battled high waves on Sunday as they searched for 200 asylum seekers missing and feared dead after their overcrowded ship

sank off Indonesia's main island of Java. So far only 33 people have been plucked alive from the choppy waters.

Two were children, aged 8 and 10, found clinging to the broken debris of the boat five hours after the accident Saturday.

"It's really a miracle they made it," said Kelik Enggar Purwanto, a member of the rescue team, as horrifying accounts emerged of the disaster. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former Czech leader dies

Czech leaders and foreign politicians are paying tribute to Vaclav Havel, the dissident playwright who led

the 1989 Velvet Revolution that peacefully toppled communism in the former Czechoslovakia. Havel died yesterday at age 75 in his weekend house in northern Czech Republic. The Czech government meets today to declare a period of official mourning.

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► Vaclav Havel

EUROZONE CRISIS

ECB exec explains exit

A top European Central Bank official has publicly discussed the reasons for his surprise resignation, saying he is not satisfied with the direction Europe's currency union has taken.

Juergen Stark said in an interview in Monday's edition of Germany's

Wirtschaftswoche magazine that the ECB had done its job by keeping inflation under control across the eurozone, which it does through adjusting interest rates.

Stark is leaving at the end of the year, two and a half years before the end of his eight-year term on the bank's six-member executive board.

"There is a broad theme that serves as the reason for this: that I am not satisfied with the way this currency union has developed," Stark said.

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Pilot strike cancels Iberia flights

Spanish airline Iberia cancelled a third of its flights Sunday because of a strike by pilots fearing job losses when company planes are diverted for use by Iberia's planned new budget carrier.

Iberia said it scrapped 91 flights, mostly domestic routes, but that no major disruptions were reported at its bustling Madrid hub or other airports because it managed to find alternative seats on other Iberia flights or with other carriers for about 80 per cent of the travellers.

Another one-day strike is planned for Dec. 29.

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CNN star to testify at UK inquiry

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▶ CNN host Piers Morgan in Los Angeles last July.

▶ Memoir said Morgan knew of phone hacking as long ago as 2001

The often colourful and sometimes controversial story of CNN star Piers Morgan's rise to the top will be revisited today when the former editor appears by videolink at a judge-led inquiry into the ethics and practices of Britain's scandal-tarred press.

Actors Hugh Grant and Sienna Miller, and Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling are among those who have given evidence about press abuse, while executives and lawyers for Murdoch's News Corp. have defended the newspaper.

Morgan shot to national prominence when he was picked by Murdoch to run the News of the World at age 28. Under his tenure, the tabloid exposed actor Hugh Grant's liaison with Hollywood prostitute Divine Brown and Princess Diana's late-night phone calls

to married art dealer Oliver Hoare. It wasn't all down to good reporting: Morgan has acknowledged he kept his edge in part through bribes paid to informants on rival titles. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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U.S. online holiday sales up

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U.S. online sales this holiday shopping season are up 15 per cent compared to last year, after what may have been the busiest week of the season, research firm comScore said on Sunday.

Shoppers have spent \$30.9 billion online from Nov. 1 through Dec. 16, up from \$26.9 billion at the same point last year, said the Reston, Va., company,



which tracks web use.

Online sales surpassed \$1 billion on four days last week. The five days that

ended on Friday "will almost certainly be the heaviest week of the online holiday shopping season," said comScore chairman Gian Fulgoni. Online spending will begin to slow as Christmas draws closer, he said.

The holiday shopping season can make up to 40 per cent of retailers' annual revenue.

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British banks to be restructured

The British government will restructure the country's banks by separating their retail activities from riskier investment banking operations, Business Secretary Vince Cable said Sunday.

"We just cannot risk having a repetition of that financial catastrophe that we had three years ago," Cable told the BBC.

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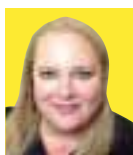
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URBAN COMPASS

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Shannon Burnham and Heather Williams grew up together in Poplar Hill, went to school together, attended the same clubs as children and were roommates at Western, both majoring in graphic art. It was inevitable that these lifelong friends would start a business together, but finding a common niche was a little bit tricky. It had to be something that would capitalize on their backgrounds in visual arts and would also be a diversion from their regular jobs in the world of finance and insurance.

"I was at a wedding that had candy kabobs, but the wedding theme was black and white and they were rainbow-coloured. And I thought we could do this, but better, with co-ordinating colours and stuff," says Burnham.

Williams agreed, and Candy Culture was born three years ago. "We're candy designers. We make candy look its best. It's very visual-arts," Burnham explains.

"... with just a \$1,000 investment, the duo grew their company by reinvesting most of the profits for the first year, and has just recently been able to take regular salaries out of the business."

Though they both maintain day jobs, the duo looks forward to a day when they can run the business full-time. Burnham smiles as she talks about "opening a store and having an office in back for meeting with brides and (organizers) of bigger events. We would have a room in the back for assembling the candy favours and arrangements."

Currently, this work is done in their assembly room in Burnham's parents' country home. They employ Burnham's

cousin and Williams' mom part-time to help with assembly, transportation and setup of the products. Candy buffets and batons, candy bouquets and arrangements are their biggest sellers. One of the more interesting ones has been an Alice in Wonderland-themed candy buffet for a wedding reception. "There were lollipops and characters from the story. Some of the candy was served in tea cups."

The business has grown 50 per cent annually for the past three years. Opening a business that could be classified as frivolous during one of the country's worst financial periods was brave. But with just a \$1,000 investment, the duo grew their company by reinvesting most of the profits for the first year, and has just recently been able to take regular salaries out of the business.

"We've never had an up economy since opening the business. I'm kind of excited to see what will happen when the economy improves," says Burnham.

Coming up with new products is always a focus; for the holidays, they've put together "portable candy buffets in boxes."

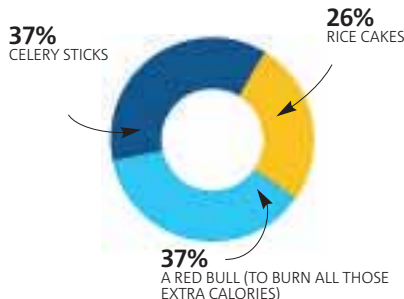
To sweeten up your holiday season, check out candyculture.ca

Contact Jill Ellis at londonurbancompass@metronews.ca



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Since Santa obviously needs to lose a few pounds, what health-conscious snack should you leave him to eat?



Local tweets



► **@MatthewBrownSW:** Should've tweeted this

yesterday but I got #TOOL tickets for the JLC on my bday! Floor seats! #ldnont #jlc #metal #prog

► **@hoogathy:** There's barely a centimetre of snow, and I see Bobcats clearing parking lots. Must really be a hard winter for ploughs in #ldnont

► **@emilyrodrigues8:** Just saw a guy use a hockey stick to brush the snow off of his car #veryresourceful #uwo

► **@JEGonc:** At

@StarbucksCanada new location: Dundas/Clarke in #ldnont ..enjoying the gently falling snow as I look outside.

► **@webAssistca:** Big thanks to the Windemere Manor & cafe for making our Christmas party so memorable! #ldnont

► **@vanlee_a:** if anyone asks, i just have great music taste #silentreckout #thankshheadphones #librarymoments #UWO

► **@rebeccafeld12:** You know it's exam time when there is more alcohol left in your house than food. #uwo #exams #2daysleft

Daily Zoom

'You're not any cuter!'



Cat must learn how to behave

AUSTRALIA. Don't tell this cheeky cat it's rude to stare and stick out its tongue: poor Buzz is hearing-impaired. At cat obedience class at Prahran Vet Hospital in Melbourne, this 10-week-old kitten has to learn hand commands to know how to behave better. By the looks of it, he's still got his work cut out for him. ● **METRO WORLD NEWS**

"He's been dumped and is going to be harder to re-home, so I've had to teach him to pay attention to me. Already he can high-10 with both paws over his head."

DR. NICOLE HOSKIN, VETERINARIAN

'Give me a treat, then I'll obey'

TRAINING. Felines can be taught to do many of the same things that dogs can: sit, stand and fetch things. The two species have to be trained in different ways, though. Dogs learn just to please their owners, but cats only pay attention for food rewards. "I find roast-chicken rewards work the best," Dr. Nicole Hoskin says. ● **METRO WORLD NEWS**

All bets off with 'psychic' feline

CATS IN NEWS. Buzz is not the only domesticated cat to make world headlines in recent days. One Italian feline by the moniker of FastidiousCat has been trending as the new Paul the Octopus after successfully predicting Serie A soccer powerhouse Udinese's last four fixtures.

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► War Horse is the story of a horse named Joey, raised by a farm boy played by actor Jeremy Irvine.

Through a horse's eyes

► War Horse recounts the experience of the First World War through the journey of a thoroughbred ► Emotional drama explores the themes of loyalty and survival

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Whether we're talking about the popular stage play or the book upon which it was based, when it comes to awards, War Horse has always been a front-runner. That is something Steven Spielberg may be counting on with his latest movie adaptation.

"Yes, it was a children's story to start but it has, at its heart, great pain and suffering," admitted the book's author Michael Murpurg. "And that's not necessarily a very attractive prospect for a family show but (Spielberg's) pulled it off unbelievably."

The acclaimed film (which hits theatres Christmas Day) is definitely the stuff of award season. An emotional drama surveying

the First World War through the eyes of an incredible thoroughbred, War Horse deals in themes of loyalty and survival during a war of attrition that star Emily Watson suggests makes one of Spielberg's most inspired films.

"The great achievement of the film is the perspective it puts on that war," said Watson. "Steven's other films have been about the Second World War,

which has a very clear, moral imperative to it. But this war was utterly pointless and taking a horse through the journey of that war is a brilliant way of cutting a cross-section of it and seeing it first-hand and it's really powerful."

Almost as powerful as the story were the actual horses that played the title role. As honoured as he was to star in the Spielberg film, actor Tom Hiddleston

insisted he was only upstaged by his animal co-stars.

"I was shamed at my artifice by their authenticity," said the Thor actor.

"That's really the thing I learned — just to turn up and be there because the horse will do something surprising, which will give you so much more than anything you might have preconceived in your own mind."

Box office



Sherlock Holmes is facing his worst enemy: declining crowds at the box office. Robert Downey Jr.'s sequel Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows debuted on top with a \$40 million weekend, off 36 per cent from the first installment's \$62.3 million debut two years ago. The first movie opened over Christmas weekend, one of the busiest times for movie theatres. Distributor Warner Bros. predicts the Holmes sequel will make up the lost ground over the holidays. But overall business was down again. Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked did even worse than Holmes.

Chipwrecked opened at No. 2 with \$23.5 million, about half the business the first two Chipmunks movies did on their debut weekends.

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Beach Boys announce a reunion tour, with Brian Wilson, to mark 50th anniversary

The story behind Spears' engagement

► Couple celebrates happy news with their closest paparazzi and publicists

THE WORD

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Thanks to giving up the reigns to her life to a court-appointed conservatorship (her father and a lawyer) and, well, I'm just guessing here, some big pharma mood-stabilizers, I believe Britney Spears is in a much happier and healthier head space than she's ever been.

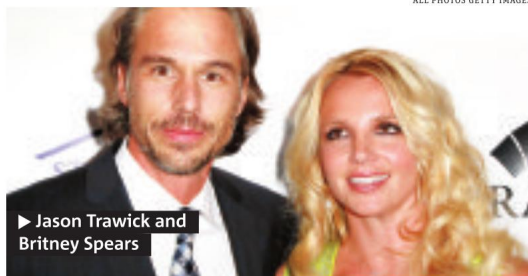
It actually "seems" like things are back to normal for the star/robot. Which is why it's surprising to see

her engagement to boyfriend and former agent Jason Trawick come across as the most orchestrated news item since Kim Kardashian's wedding.

After all, "normal" megawatt celebrities keep things like this private; only the ones with something to prove try to force it down our throats.

On Thursday, the two got engaged. And then they celebrated that engagement — and Trawick's 40th birthday — in Las Vegas on Friday night. And, wouldn't you know it? An army of photographers and publicists were at the ready.

They followed them through each perfectly-



► Jason Trawick and Britney Spears

crafted event — from the two of them checking in to Planet Hollywood, then having dinner at Sugar Factory American Brasserie, to dancing at the Chateau nightclub (notice all of that product placement? I'm sure they all paid a pretty penny for this). The whole

night was completely packaged for our enjoyment.

Sure, out of everything that Spears has been through, a formulated engagement is nothing.

It's just kind of sad that this living doll can't be a real person who celebrates real milestones authentically.

Does Cruise have a man crush on David Beckham?

Tom Cruise has his eye on a new co-star, telling the Daily Mirror that he would "love to do action movies with [David] Beckham."

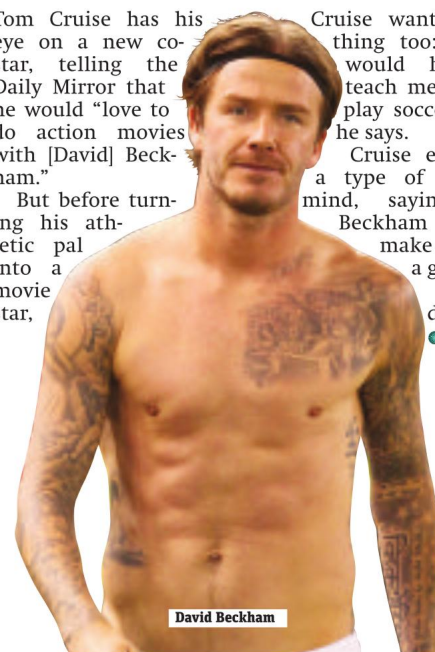
But before turning his athletic pal into a movie star,

Cruise wants something too: "David would have to teach me how to play soccer first," he says.

Cruise even has a type of role in mind, saying that Beckham "would make

a great bad-die."

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David Beckham

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

| Christmas Day December 25 (Sunday) | Boxing Day, December 26 (Monday) |
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A crafty Christmas

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There are loads of good reasons for doing Christmas crafting: It's easy and cheap to make gifts and decorations from things you already have in the house, it's something fun

to do when the weather's bad, and it keeps them out of the shops where they'd only nag you for the latest Harry Potter Lego set. Christmas crafting is

not just a practical way of whiling away cold winter afternoons, though. It offers a nice excuse for parents to spend quality time playing with their kids and

creating festive rituals that bond the family together for years to come, from decorating the tree as a family to baking biscuits for grandma.

Create cards & wrapping paper. Potato printing



► From Christmas Crafting with Kids by Catherine Woram (Ryland, Peters and Small).

Greeting cards can be made with plain cardboard and a variety of stencils, felt shapes, stamps, pencils and glitter glue. It's even easier for your kids to make wrapping paper. And toddlers will love getting messy while printing the paper before wrapping gifts with it, especially if they get to completely unravel the sticky tape.

Preparation:

1 Cut the potato in half, making sure the surface of the potato is as flat as possible. Place the cookie cutter on a cutting board with the sharp edge facing upwards. Press the potato firmly down onto the cutter, leaving the cookie cutter standing proud of the cut surface of the potato by about

5mm, so you can cut round it.

2 Ask an adult to cut away the edges of the potato using a sharp knife. This needs to be done very carefully, to ensure the star shape is as clear as possible. Press the potato down onto a dry cloth or piece of kitchen paper to remove any excess moisture, which can make the paint watery.

3 Pour the paint into a saucer and use the end of the sponge paint roller to apply the paint to the star shape. Don't apply too much paint to the potato as this will make the design bleed. If you have applied too much paint, gently blot the potato on kitchen

Ingredients:

- Medium-sized potato
- Star-shaped cookie cutter
- Chopping board
- Sharp knife (used by adult)
- Kitchen paper/dry cloth
- Paints
- Plain white paper

paper to remove the excess.

4 Begin printing. To ensure the design prints clearly, use a gentle rocking motion, moving the potato from side to side without lifting it from the paper. This will apply the paint evenly even if the cut surface of the potato is not flat. Continue to print the stars at evenly-spaced intervals. Allow the paint to dry completely.

Easy homemade gifts include scented orange pomanders made by sticking cloves into an orange, potted indoor-flowering bulbs, all-spice biscuits and peppermint creams. Or try truffles – you'll have to help out but they're easy to make and your kids will enjoy rolling them in different coatings and boxing them up.

Preparation:

1 Ask an adult to help you put the butter, sugar and cream in a saucepan over a low heat. Leave until it comes to the boil and the sugar has melted.

2 Break the chocolate into small pieces and tip into a heatproof bowl. Carefully pour the melted butter mixture over the chocolate and stir until the chocolate is melted, smooth and shiny. Leave to cool, then cover with clingfilm and chill in the fridge until it's firm.

Make festive gifts. Chocolate truffles



► From Christmas Cooking with Kids by Annie Rigg (Ryland, Peters and Small).

3 Making one truffle at a time, scoop a teaspoonful of the chocolate mixture and roll quickly between your hands into a ball. Place on a baking tray lined with baking parchment.

4 For the toppings, ask an adult to help you put the chocolate in a heatproof bowl over a pan of simmering water or in the microwave on a low setting. Stir very carefully until it has melted. Leave

to cool slightly.

5 Sprinkle each of your chosen toppings (cocoa powder, chopped chocolate, sprinkles, edible silver balls, chopped nuts) onto a separate plate.

Ingredients:

- 50g unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 75g light brown soft sugar
- 150ml double cream
- 175g dark chocolate

Toppings:

- 150g milk or dark chocolate, chopped
- Chocolate sprinkles
- Cocoa powder
- Edible silver balls
- Chopped nuts (hazelnuts or flaked almonds)

6 Scoop a teaspoonful of the melted chocolate into the palm of your hand and roll one truffle at a time into it to coat completely.

7 Roll in one of the toppings. Repeat with the remaining truffles and leave to set on the baking tray before serving or packing in a pretty box.

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Lead warning



Health Canada is offering a reminder to shoppers who see children's jewelry on a wish list this holiday season.

It notes that high levels of lead and cadmium can be found in a wide variety of children's jewelry products sold in Canada, and kids can ingest harmful amounts of the metals if they chew, suck on or swallow the items.

The metals are toxic to children even at low levels of exposure.

There is minimal lead absorption through the skin, so merely wearing the jewelry doesn't present a serious risk to health.

Adult jewelry can also contain these metals and children should not be permitted to play with it or put it in their mouths.

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Holiday festivities can cause sensory overload for people with dementia.

Pockets of festive goodness

► These Turkey Pocket Pies are a delicious way to truly get your appetizers looking like they belong in a Christmas season table spread



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Turkey Pocket Pies

► This recipe makes six servings and the pies can easily be decorated to make them festive.

If the dough of the pocket pies gets too warm during preparation, refrigerate it for 15 minutes.

Use leftover dough to cut out shapes to decorate the top of the pies. Brush the back of the dough shapes with egg wash to affix and bake as directed.

Preparation:

1 Preheat oven to 200 C (400 F). Remove pie shells from freezer and let thaw at room temperature for 10 minutes.

2 Put pie shells onto clean, flat, floured work surface. If cracks appear

in pastry, press and repair using moistened fingers. Cut out 6 shapes from each pie shell using a 7-by-10-cm (2 3/4-by-4-inch) cookie cutter. Set any leftover dough aside.

3 In bowl, combine turkey, cranberry sauce, cheese

Ingredients:

- 2 frozen deep-dish pie shells
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) finely chopped leftover turkey
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) cranberry sauce
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) grated cheddar cheese
- Pepper, to taste
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) milk

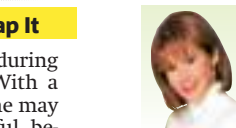
and pepper. Divide mix evenly among 6 cut-outs, mounding in centre and leaving a 5-mm (1/4-inch) border and top with remaining cut-outs. Gently press edges together and crimp with a fork. Brush tops lightly with milk and bake for 12 mins. or until pastry is golden. Let pies rest for 10 minutes before serving. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/ TENDERFLAKE**

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Quiche saves dinner during holiday season

► For a time full of shopping & gift wrapping, this meal is quick & filling

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Busy days filled with Christmas shopping, entertaining, decorating and wrapping gifts gives the cook in the house little time to prepare meals.

But it's important not to forget to enjoy a quick and easy dinner during this busy time.

With a pre-made pastry crust and the frozen veggies you have in the freezer, you can have a simple and quick quiche ready to enjoy with a crunchy green salad.

This quiche is also a fine casual addition to any lunch.

Preparation:

1 Prepare pie crust according to package directions. Set aside and let cool.

2 In a large, flat-bottomed frying pan, melt butter and cook hash browns until crisp and golden brown. Remove from heat.

3 In a large bowl, mix together eggs, frozen vegetables, cheddar cheese, salt and pepper. Add cooled hash browns and mix well.

Ingredients:

- 1 frozen pie crust
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) unsalted butter
- 250 ml (1 cup) shredded frozen hash browns
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 250 ml (1 cup) frozen Mediterranean-style vegetables
- 250 ml (1 cup) shredded cheddar cheese
- Pinch each salt and

Mediterranean Quiche



► This recipe makes four to six servings.

4 Pour egg mixture into cooled pie shell and bake in 190 C (375 F) oven for 35 to 40 minutes until golden.

5 Using oven mitts, remove from oven and serve. **THE CANADIAN**

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Be safe, be eco-conscious

► Shovelling snow causes heart attacks every year ► And snow blowers aren't exactly friendly on the environment ► So, what to do?

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Shovelling snow is a pain in the back. The pushing, the lifting ... the throwing.

Yes, a snow shovel is green and eco-friendly. It doesn't chew up power like electric or gas-powered snow blowers.

But injuries are a real risk — and clearing snow can be fatal, as well.

The Canadian Heart & Stroke Foundation estimates that over 16,000 Canadians die of heart attacks every year.

The Huffington Post has reported snow shovelling accounts for less than half of one per cent of fatal coronaries, but that's around 50

to clear their snow, and never come back.

Snow blowers are an obvious alternative. But they have an environmental impact — fossil fuel-powered ones especially.

"These blowers emit a ton of carbon emissions that pollute the air," notes Trish Smith, a popular

Local snowfall

Check it out London:

► **Snow** According to The Weather Network, over the past 30 years it has snowed in London an average of 66 days per year. The single-day record snowfall — 57 cm — fell on December 7, 1977.

There's a broad variety of ergonomic snow shovels on the market.

Some have bent handles designed to ease the strain of lifting.

Others use wide blades and conjoined double handles to distribute and minimize physical stress.

And then there's the Sno Wovel — wovel.com — an innovative invention that combines a traditional shovel with a wheel.

"It's not only more efficient — there's a three-quarters reduction in exertion — but this takes the real pain out of shovelling, greatly reducing exertion and the risk of injury," says Mark Noonan, president of Nootools, who's been making and marketing Sno Wovels for the past six years.

ger at greenopolis.com.

"(They) also use gasoline that can eventually wind up in our streams or in our soil, and that's no way treat our earth."

So is there a way to build a better shovel?



► Make your life easier when shovelling snow this winter.

Traditional shovels focus most of the physical force of lifting and throwing snow on the small of your back.

Adding a wheel moves the fulcrum away from the spine and onto the axle, cutting down on jarring and twisting.

"The shovel blade is actually angled at 45 degrees," Noonan adds.

"That helps you throw more forward."

Shovelling snow is one of those rare cases where the greener solution can be significantly more dangerous than the power-burning alternatives.

Perhaps the best solution is to carefully consider all the alternatives — and always remember to be careful.

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The Huffington Post has reported that snow shovelling accounts for less than half of one per cent of fatal coronaries, but that's around 50 Canadians who go out to clear their snow, and never come back.

POWERING A CHANGE IN THINKING OVER BATTERIES

Where in Winnipeg can I dispose of batteries? Cynthia of Winnipeg

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Dispose might as well be a four-letter word.

I know you really mean recycle. And recycling batteries has never been easier.

London Drugs stores in Western Canada, including Winnipeg, have committed

to recycling batteries — single-use and rechargeable.

Check out their in-store recycling program, which also accepts packaging, cell-phones, cameras, and small appliances (purchased at London Drugs).

Recycling fees might apply to items not purchased from the store.

Two excellent battery recycling know-it-all websites are Call2Recycle.ca and Earth911.com.

Just enter your postal code into their online drop-off locator.

You'll get a list of locations near you, ranked by proximity, with complete contact information and a map.

There's also no charge to recycle batteries from things like your remote control, cordless power tools, or calculator.

Next, make the switch to rechargeable batteries. Maximize their use by reading the instructions carefully.

It sounds obvious, but each product has specific guidelines when it comes to

charging a battery for the first time.

A big no-no is returning a fully charged battery to the charger for an extra boost. This will only shorten its lifespan.

Also never leave batteries in your charger if they're not actually charging. Don't forget to recycle your rechargeable batteries when they're done.

And keep your eyes open for battery recycling drop-off boxes. The last one I saw was in my neighbourhood pharmacy.

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Home(work) for the holidays

► Celebrating the season sans family is a reality that many students across the country will face this year

Amongst the frantic last-minute trips to the mall and the consumption of Advent chocolate and eggnog, it's easy to forget one of the joys of the holidays: spending time with family.

Yet, for many across the country, namely students who study out of province or even out of country, being home for the holidays isn't an option.

Spiked airline costs and limited downtime are a few of the reasons some generation Yers are forgoing Christmas reunions to become holiday orphans. And for others, like Andrea Nunes of Vancouver, spending this time of year with the family is about as enticing as standing in a long lineup at the post of-

"Taking the two weeks to go back halfway across the world wouldn't really make sense. If you don't think about (being away from your family) you don't get sad. So I don't think about it."

MEELASHINI AUADUER, STUDENT



► When times get tough, the tough sometimes have to stay put.

fice.

"I have sentimental feelings about Christmas itself but they're not really about my family," said the Emily Carr University office assistant. "My family against the backdrop of Christmas can't help but bring up all these seething, burning resentments from Christmases

pasts."

After her grandmother passed away when Nunes was a teenager, things in her family "broke down" to the point that her mother cancelled Christmas one year.

It's since become a mutual agreement among all family members not to celebrate together, which she

thinks is "pretty great."

Nunes still acknowledges the holiday, and usually uses the time to bake. She also makes a point of calling her family members on Christmas Day.

"It doesn't make me feel sad, it makes me feel relieved," she said.

For Meelashini Auaduer, a third-year commerce stu-

dent at Dalhousie University in Halifax, travelling to her home country of Malaysia during the holidays isn't a logical decision.

"Taking the two weeks to go back halfway across the world wouldn't really make sense," said the 21-year-old.

The fact that her family doesn't celebrate Christmas "softens the blow." Instead, she feels those pangs of sadness during the end of October, when her family celebrates Deepavali, the festival of lights.

Still, Auaduer insists she never feels alone during the holidays, and spends them travelling to Montreal or Toronto, or having a potluck with other Malaysian friends.

"If you don't think about (being away from your family) you don't get sad," she said. "So I don't think about it."

And yet many foreign students still manage to come together over the holidays. Moses Richu, a third-year University of British Columbia student from Kenya, said celebrating Christmas away encourages you to develop new traditions and cus-

Deck the halls

Some universities actively make an effort to accommodate their students who don't have anywhere to go over the holidays.

► For the past 12 years, Concordia University in Montreal has hosted a dinner soiree. The school invites all of its 4,700 foreign students, and the first 300 to respond are treated to a three-course meal.

► "We target international students as a way to make them feel at home and spread the season's good cheer and try to help them feel the good cheer," said Scott McCulloch with the Advancement and Alumni Relations department, which organizes the dinner along with the school's Alumni Association.

toms with people from different parts of the world.

"You get 10, 20 guys together and you start explaining how it works and you learn so much from each other," he said. "It's like a huge room full of culture."

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Building from the ground up

► A holiday season spent in jail led to a true turning point for this now successful construction foreman

TURNING POINT

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Four years ago, Tony Kokol sat in a Federal Penitentiary having Christmas dinner with his Mom and Dad.

A life of recreational drug use had spun into addiction and some bad life choices put him behind bars.

"It got to the point where I lost everything; my career, health, credit and relationship. I realized, 'Oh my God, I've hit bottom.'"

Fresh Start Recovery Centre in Calgary proved to be a turning point in Tony's life.

He cleaned up, got into the construction business



► Tony Kokol is currently working on constructing the Fresh Start Recovery Centre building in Calgary.

and worked his way up to foreman on Fresh Start's new facility. Now with the new building on the

verge of being completed, Tony is training to become an addictions counsellor.

"My life is full and great. I'm blessed to be surrounded by people who have my back.

Every time I walk through our new building it validates the journey that I'm on."

Tony recently went out for lunch with his Mom. As she reached out to hug her son he realized how far he had come since that Christmas in jail four years ago.

"I put a smile on my mother's heart."

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Packers denied pefection

► Green Bay's 19-game win streak ended by Chiefs ► Winning Super Bowl is real goal: Coach



Mike McCarthy never put a whole lot of stock in a perfect season, except as a means of gaining home-field advantage and setting the Green Bay Packers up for another Super Bowl run.

Well, they still have a chance to earn home-field advantage.

The perfect season? That's history.

Kyle Orton threw for 299 yards to outduel Aaron Rodgers, and the Kansas City Chiefs rallied behind interim coach Romeo Crennel for a shocking 19-14 victory on Sunday that ended the Packers' 19-game winning streak. It was their first loss since Dec. 19, 2010, at New England.

"I personally always viewed the undefeated season as, really, just gravy," McCarthy said. "The goal was to get home-field advantage and win the Super Bowl. That's what we discussed.

"We were fortunate enough to be in the position to possibly achieve the undefeated season," he added, "but we still



► Packers QB Aaron Rodgers is sacked by Kansas City's Tamba Hall.

have the primary goal in front of us, and that's to get home-field advantage."

Green Bay, playing without leading receiver Greg Jennings and top rusher James Starks because of injuries, can wrap up the No. 1 seed in their final two games against Chicago and Detroit.

But the Packers no longer have the pressure of becoming the second team in NFL history to win a Super Bowl with a perfect record, or extending the second-longest winning streak in league history.

"I think our goal ultimate goal is to win a Super Bowl. The next step is getting that number one seed in the playoffs," Rodgers said. "We've got a home playoff game — we've got a bye secured."

Rodgers was 17 of 35 for 235 yards and a touchdown, and he also scampered 8 yards for another touchdown with 2:12 left in the game. But the Packers (13-1) were unable to recover the onside kick, and Kansas City picked up a couple of first downs to secure the victory.

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Colts win



The Indianapolis Colts finally won without Peyton Manning. It just took 14 games and three quarterbacks to get there.

- Dan Orlovsky threw one touchdown pass, a key block on an 80-yard TD run and the Colts defence held Chris Johnson to 55 yards rushing, to beat Tennessee 27-13 and avoid becoming the second 0-16 team in league history.
- For the Titans (7-7), the loss was a devastating blow to their playoff hopes. Had the Titans closed out the season with three wins, they likely would have reached the post-season. Now they'll probably need help from other teams just to get in.

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Sports in brief



The Montreal Canadiens, one of Quebec's most sacred institutions, have waded into the province's stormy language debates by hiring a coach who can't speak French.

The Habs announced on Saturday that the job is going to assistant coach Randy Cunneynworth, replacing Jacques Martin at the helm of the struggling squad.

The backlash in some quarters was almost immediate.

Local radio call-in shows and online forums were abuzz with questions about whether a non-French speaker should be awarded the top post.

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Raptors fall short against Celtics

► Bargnani has 16 points to top Toronto in pre-season opener ► New coach impressed with squad's 'toughness'

There's only one more pre-season game left for the Toronto Raptors to practise the last-second comeback.

DeMar DeRozan and Andrea Bargnani each missed shots in the dying seconds, and the Boston Celtics held on to win Sunday's exhibition game 76-75.

The Celtics led by as many as 14 points in the fourth quarter, but Toronto's first exhibition game was still considered a success by new head coach Dwane Casey.

"I liked our effort, I liked our toughness," Casey said. "We needed a

couple more at the end. Overall I was pleased with the effort."

The emphasis has been on defence as the team prepared for a season shortened by a long labour dispute, but offence remains a work in progress. The Raptors missed

some open shots and hit slightly better than 38 per cent from the floor. Toronto also committed 21 turnovers that led to 26 points.

"I thought our defence was fantastic," Casey said. "We have what we call multiple stops and we did

a lot of those. We try to get seven per game and we reached our goal with that.

"Offensively, I said yesterday we may throw it in the stands and we did 21 times."

The lack of offensive polish showed on the final possession of the game. It

did not go quite the way it was drawn up.

"That play we were trying to run, a couple of guys didn't get to their correct spots," Casey said. "Again now we can find out who can be in at the end of games."

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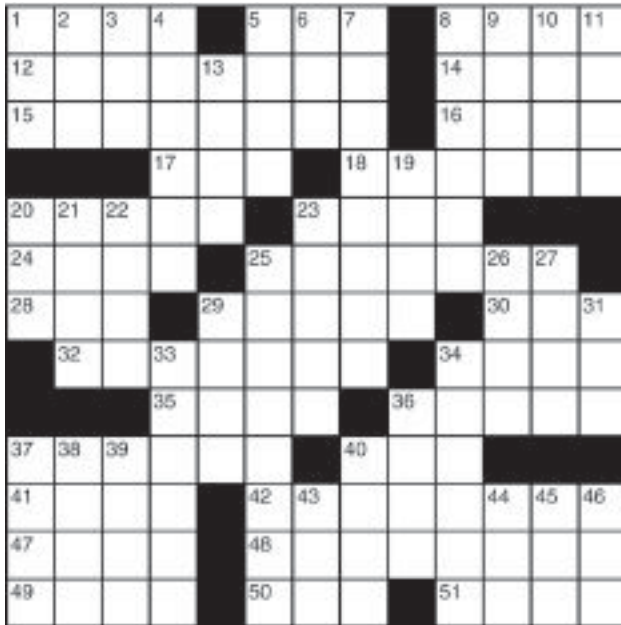
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Across

- 1 Bakery buys
5 Youngster
8 Treaty
12 Australian city
14 Reverberate
15 Like spreadsheets, e.g.
16 Slender
17 Scepter
18 Each
20 Hybrid eating utensil
23 Entanglement
24 Bohemian
25 Refrigerator decorations
28 Humour
29 Gave a darn
30 Regret
32 Grieved
34 Intentions
35 Primary
36 Sag
37 "— & Louise"
40 To and —
41 Emanation
42 Ivy League university
47 List of options
48 Catholic prayer
49 "Hey, you!"
50 Remiss
51 Je ne — quoi

Down

- 1 Atl. counterpart
2 Altar affirmative
3 Conger or moray
4 Wet cement mixture
5 Sort
6 Mrs. McKinley
7 Mad
8 Small
9 Liniment target
10 Stylish
11 Color quality
13 Beyond control
19 Frogs' hangout
20 Witnessed
21 Proper partner?
22 "Beetle Bailey" dog
23 Carpenter or Black
25 Crazy
26 Threesome
27 Japanese wrestling
29 Study all night
31 Kreskin's claim



- 33 Diacritical mark
34 Scents
36 Snare or tom-tom
37 Pack down tightly
38 Shades
39 Sea eagles
40 Show off your muscles
43 Eggs
44 Lingerie item
45 Midafternoon, on a sundial
46 Some small batteries

► Friday's answer



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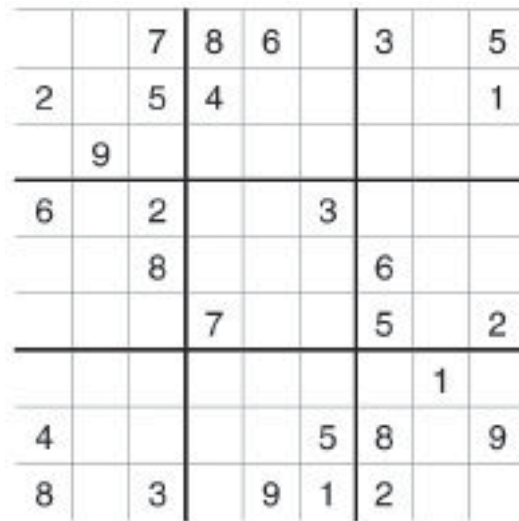
♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Misunderstandings could be expensive, so make sure those you work and do business with know what you are up to today.
♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Take life at a more measured pace over the next 24 hours.
♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Opportunities to prosper are all around, but you must be selective.
♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You seem to be a bit touchy at the moment, and that's bad news for anyone who gets on your wrong side.
♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 You can

sense that something big is about to happen but you can't work out what it might be. Relax.
♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Why are you trying so hard to convince people that your ideas are best?
♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 What seems like a setback today will turn out to be a blessing in disguise before the end of the year, so don't waste time worrying about it.
♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You will face some tough obstacles today, but being a Scorpio you will enjoy the challenge.
♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Your options may be limited at

the moment but that's no bad thing.
♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You will have to use up a lot of physical and mental energy to enjoy what is really quite a modest return. In which case, why bother?
♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 There are two ways you can get what you want: you can go it alone or you can partner up with people who share your ambitions. It's a no-brainer really.
♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Keep your mind focused on a particular target.

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Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Friday's answer ►

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| 5 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 2 |
| 8 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 1 |
| 1 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 5 |
| 2 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 7 | 4 |
| 4 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 6 |
| 9 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 8 |
| 3 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 7 |
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